

DALTON CITIZENS ARRESTED

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS FROM THIEVES.

TWO ARE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Whitfield County, Ga., Grand Jury Returns Many True Bills Against Gang of Car Robbers.

Dalton, Ga., is in the throes of a great sensation.

The Whitfield county grand jury has found thirteen indictments against Walter Bohannon and his gang of car robbers, ten indictments against half a dozen merchants for receiving stolen goods; and it is still taking evidence.

Bohannon, the notorious leader of the worst band of robbers since John A. Murrell's days, has weakened and his companions in crime are thoroughly demoralized.

The members of the gang now in jail are: Walter Bohannon, Ben Pearce, Sam Painter, Tom Kinneman, Ed Morris, colored; Bill Long, Ralph Ellison. Out on bond are: Anthony Cook and Charley Hill, two negro draymen; Luke White and Jim Harris.

The merchants who were arrested for receiving stolen goods and who gave bond are:

John Bender, member of council; Drew M. Peoples, member of council; T. N. Peoples, Jr., G. M. Cannon and Anderson Giddings.

As to the guilt of the actual members of the robber gang there is not the shadow of a doubt. They realize this, and it would not surprise any one if every outlaw in the band pleads guilty and takes his sentence without a murmur.

Some of the indicted merchants declare that they are innocent of crime and say they will fight prosecution to the finish.

For some time gossip ran wild and many an innocent man's reputation has suffered, but when the trials are over there will be no trouble about distinguishing the honest merchants from the dishonest.

The five merchants under bond are among the most prominent business men in Dalton.

Roads Lost \$100,000.

The band of car-breakers has been operating for twelve years. The Southern railway has paid out nearly \$50,000 in claims for stolen goods and the old East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia lost every bit as much.

Probably no railroad has ever been preyed upon so long and disastrously as the Southern and its predecessor have suffered.

Detectives have been at Dalton off and on for years trying to ferret out the mystery. They found that Walter Bohannon was probably the leader, but they could never catch him in the act, nor could they find sufficient evidence against him to convict until a short time ago.

MORGAN TALKS TO HAWAIIANS.

Alabama Senator Entertains Them With an Address at Honolulu.

The steamship China arrived at San Francisco Friday from Hong Kong via Honolulu with the following Hawaiian advices:

HONOLULU, October 4.—The steamer China brought word that Councillor Akiyama, of the Japanese foreign office, attempted suicide at Yokohama on September 24. At last accounts he was in a critical state. Akiyama arrived here last May to assist Minister Shimamura in handling the Japanese immigration matter.

He proved to be a bright young man of considerable experience in diplomatic work. He was ordered home in July and the impression got abroad at the time that he failed to accomplish what was expected of him by his government, and that he had gone home in disgrace. At any rate, prior to his departure the matter had been taken entirely out of his hands.

The decision of the lower court in the case of the steamship China has been affirmed. This gives her the right to fly the Hawaiian flag.

Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, addressed a large number of natives on September 30th. He spoke of the benefits annexation would bring to the Hawaiians.

WEYLER'S FRIENDS AROUSED.

They Get Together and Ask that Captain General Be Not Recalled.

The friends of Captain General Weyler in Havana made a grand rally in his behalf Tuesday, and did all they could to prevent his recall.

They held a meeting at the Spanish casino, many of the wealthiest class of Spaniards being present.

Resolutions indorsing General Weyler were adopted with great enthusiasm and a cable message was sent to the government at Madrid announcing that the representatives of the trading, mercantile and industrial communities assembled at the meeting were satisfied with the course followed by Weyler.

CUBAN AFFAIRS DISCUSSED.

President and His Advisers Hold an Interesting Session.

A Washington dispatch says: The cabinet was in session for nearly two hours Friday, all members being present except Secretary Gage.

Foreign affairs did not occupy much of the time and the discussion was devoted mostly to the forthcoming annual reports of the several heads of the departments. These reports or an abstract of them are desired by the president, so that they may be discussed in his annual message to congress. Postmaster General Gary remained with the President for some time after the other members of the cabinet went away, discussing postoffice appointments.

There was some discussion of the Cuban question and the seal conference, but owing to the fact that both these matters are in a transitory condition, no definite action was decided upon.

The president had hoped to secure a reply to his representations to Spain during the present month, but it was at the meeting that the Spanish cabinet crisis probably would cause delay in the matter.

There was more or less speculation on the part of members as to what would be the temper and character of the reply when it should be received, and the opinion was general that the ministry would manifest a desire to cultivate friendly relations with this country. The desire of the administration appeared to be to meet these advances, if they are accompanied by a policy on the part of Spain toward Cuba that will hasten the close of the war in accordance with American ideas.

It is recognized that some time will be necessary to demonstrate the policy of the Sagasta cabinet and the president's advisers are understood generally to favor the policy of allowing a reasonable time before following up the first note delivered by Minister Woodford with another of more pressing character, as originally had been intended in case the first note should not bring a satisfactory reply.

There was more or less discussion also of the proposed far seal conference. It was stated after the meeting adjourned that it was not yet considered as absolutely settled that Great Britain would not participate in the conference.

The meeting also developed a confirmation of the report that the Union Pacific syndicate had agreed to increase its bid to the government to \$50,000,000 and that the attorney general, in view of this fact, had decided not to appeal the case.

President McKinley will probably go to Canton at the November election. His trip has not been fully arranged, but he has been asked to visit several places in the city while in Ohio, and these invitations may be accepted if the president can spare the time. He probably will attend the opening of the Carnegie public library at Pittsburg if his trip to Canton is not prevented at the last moment.

THE W. C. T. U. SNUBBED.

East Hanover Presbytery, of Virginia, Sits Down on Woman's Suffrage.

East Hanover Presbytery, at its meeting at Burkville, Va., which has just closed, declined to recognize the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, not because the Presbytery is not in favor of temperance, but because the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is understood to be in favor of, and contending for, woman's suffrage.

The Presbyterian church takes strong ground against women having the ballot or holding public office under the government.

The church does not recognize any organization that goes into politics, whether their principles be sound or unsound.

WEYLER TO BE RECALLED.

Spanish Cabinet Decides to Relieve Him of His Position.

The Spanish cabinet has decided upon the immediate recall of Gen. Weyler from Cuba.

A decree will be issued appointing Captain General Blanco y Arenas, marquis of Pena Plata, governor general of the island. The queen regent will sign the decree.

General Weyler has given an emphatic and absolute denial to the report that he would resist removal from his command in Cuba, and in certain contingencies might espouse the Carlist cause.

BAD DAY IN NEW ORLEANS.

Wednesday Proved a Record Breaker in New Cases and Deaths.

A New Orleans special says: Even as early as 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the day had proved a record breaker both as to the number of cases and as to the number of deaths that had been reported. The increase of cases was not unexpected, there being forty-six. Five deaths were recorded.

The weather had been warm, during the afternoon especially, and the large territory the board of health has to cover makes perfect scrutiny impossible, and germs are being distributed which, if the totality of cases was fewer, would easily be restrained.

PLEA OF NEWSPAPER MEN

NEW ORLEANS JOURNALISTS ADDRESS FELLOW CRAFTSMEN.

SCIENTIFIC QUARANTINE WANTED.

Restrictions On Mail For the Crescent City Calls Out a Vigorous Protest.

New Orleans journalists have issued the following plea:

To Our Fellow Toilers of the Press in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas, from the New Orleans Press Club—Greeting:

It is the sense of this body, whose active membership is responsible for the accuracy of the local news of the daily press of New Orleans, and that sense is hereby expressed by the club in special meeting assembled, that to you, co-workers and brethren, be submitted by us the following facts and suggestions:

First, That with absolute fidelity and truth all news relative to the present visitation of yellow fever here has been reported by us of the active profession to our employing newspapers and have by them without curtailment, coloring or alteration been printed.

Second, That the New Orleans newspapers have consequently told the facts, and all the facts, with a fidelity which has been everywhere admitted and in some places criticised as opposed to the city's best interests. But truth was deemed the rule to inspire confidence at home and abroad and has been strictly adhered to as the highest journalistic principle.

Third, That injury out of all proportion to the actual danger has been and is being wrought to every possible interest of the city, state and neighboring states by local quarantine having no uniformity and no reference to science.

Fourth, That the most vile harm results in the quarantine of the mail, thus absolutely cutting off all communication, and this in spite of the fact that the enlightened science of the world has pronounced that no pathogenic organisms can live through the process of disinfection which the United States is here subjecting newspapers and all mail under the personal and impartial supervision of Dr. Carter and the United States marine hospital service and under his guarantee of thorough protection against infection.

Fifth, That unless this quarantine be removed, the harm to the state and south, to localities, cities and towns may even be prolonged, as neither newspapers nor letters can bring tidings of the condition of affairs in New Orleans to a great number of points.

Sixth, That our brethren of the press addressed give conspicuous place to this special in their respective papers and use their good offices, as brainy men and leaders in rational thought, with our fellow citizens in their localities to the end of removing the restrictions on the mail so that as citizens of one country we may hold intelligent communication and wisely direct our course of action in relation to the fever as it pertains both to our common safety and our common business interests.

Seventh, That it is especially important immediately to set to work on this proposition and first free the mail, since the fever appears on the wane and is certain in a few weeks to be exterminated by the cold, and in the clearer light thus afforded wisely in time to set the wheels of commerce in the south free.

HENRY RIGHTON, President,
J. M. LEVEQUE, Secretary,
New Orleans Press Club.

QUARANTINE MODIFIED.

Certain Freighters Will Enter Alabama From Atlanta, Ga.

A Montgomery, Ala., dispatch says: Dr. Andrews, city health officer; Dr. Seelye, president of the state board of health, and Dr. Saunders, state health officer, had a conference in the governor's office Tuesday.

After a careful consideration it was recommended to the governor that the quarantine be raised against all freighters from Atlanta, excepting bedding, carpets, tapestries, laundry work, blankets, wearing apparel and trunks.

MAJOR GINTER'S WILL.

The Document Probated—Bulk of Estate Goes to Relatives.

The will of Major Ginter was probated in the Henrico county court at Richmond Wednesday. The bulk of his property is willed to immediate relatives. Bequests of from \$2,500 to \$10,000 are made to all the charitable institutions in Richmond and provision is made for the continuance of certain improvements in the county that were in progress at the time of Major Ginter's death.

There is also a long list of bequests to friends, servants, etc. The total value of the estate is estimated at between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

BANK OFFICERS IN TROUBLE.

President, Cashier and a Director Charged With Embezzlement.

A special from Asheville, N. C., says: "William E. Breeze, president; W. H. Phenland, cashier, and J. C. Dickinson, a director of the defunct First National bank, of Asheville, were arrested Thursday morning on indictments from the United States court, in session at Greensboro, charging them with embezzlement and conspiracy.

"Thirteen thousand dollars bail was required in each case, which was given. "They have all been under \$5,000 bonds since July 31st for violating the national banking act. Since then National Bank Examiner Maxey has been in Asheville and has made some startling discoveries.

"One of these discoveries is alleged to be the fact that \$250,000 of 'accommodation notes' signed by insolvent persons and filled out by the officials, and some forged papers are in the bank. Some of the insolvent notes had been rediscounted in other banks.

"C. B. Leonard, the man who is supposed to have secured the note signers, comprising janitors, street car motormen, plasterers, carpenters and others of no financial standing, has fled to Mexico."

SENORA CISNEROS ESCAPES.

Was In Spanish Jail Charged With Conspiracy—Had Outside Help.

Advices from Havana state that the beautiful young Cuban patriot, Senora Cisneros, heroine of the sensational adventure with the Spanish governor of the Isle of Pines, has escaped from the Casa de Recogidas (house of scrapings), where she had been confined for several months on a charge of conspiracy against the crown of Spain and of an attempt upon the life of Governor Perez, governor of the Isle of Pines.

According to the statements of the jailers or attendants, she made her escape some time Wednesday night.

At Thursday morning's roll call she was missing and when search was made for her the attendants found one of the iron bars of the room in which she had been confined had been filed and bent outward.

The bar could not have been moved except by a great outlay of strength, and all the circumstances go to prove the co-operation of outsiders in her escape.

The authorities have not yet secured any clew as to the whereabouts of Senora Evangelina.

Several of the employees of the establishment have been arrested.

LESSEES STOOD FIRM.

The Georgia Convict Law Failed In This Test Against The Lessees.

The county authorities of Worth county, Ga., struck a snag when they undertook to remove twenty-seven misdemeanor convicts from the two private camps of Tatum and Greer brothers. Sheriff H. T. Story went to the camps armed with an order from county Judge J. J. McDowell, authorizing the removal of the convicts to the county jail, but he departed without the prisoners.

Greer brothers refused to release the men, and so did Tatum when the sheriff went to that camp. The reason given was that they had paid the fines of the men, thus complying with the sentences, and that this ended the relations of the prisoners with the court and the sheriff.

The point seemed to be well taken, and though a fortnight has elapsed, the county authorities have made no further effort to take the convicts to jail.

DROUGHT DAMAGES COTTON.

Five States Report the Result of Dry Season as Very Serious.

Reports from all sections of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana indicate a state of affairs as the result of the long continued want of rain that is generally serious and in several particulars deplorable. The drought has been general throughout these states.

The protracted drought has injured cotton materially, destroying all hopes of a top crop and causing the plant to open prematurely.

Reports tell of the Irish potato crop being a total failure. The fall planting, it is estimated, will not produce the seed potatoes that were planted. The sweet potato crop has been similarly affected, but not so generally as the Irish potatoes.

CAR THIEVES IN LIMBO.

They Systematically Robbed the Southern For Twelve Years.

Sheriff Nelms, of Fulton county, has in his keeping three members of the worst gang of freight car robbers that ever operated in Georgia. They were caught in the act and their admissions and the Southern railway's records show that they have stolen in the last twelve years at least \$50,000 worth of dry goods, groceries, tobacco, notions and miscellaneous freight.

Walter Bohannon was the leader of the gang, which numbered ten. His associates in the Fulton county jail are Ed Pierce and Sam Painter. They operated at Dalton, Ga.

FLORIDA IN BRIEF.

An Arcadia correspondent writes: "As the winter season approaches many prospectors are visiting this section with an intention of locating. From present indications there will be a large influx of immigrants to this section."

The following is a record of the phosphate shipments of Punta Gorda for the month of September: Peace River Phosphate Mining Company, domestic, 2,413 tons; foreign, 3,200 tons; total from January 1, domestic, 30,507 tons; domestic, 51,140 tons.

The first carload of oranges for the season left Tampa a few days ago for Chicago, and the car bore immense banners setting forth the important fact. The oranges were fine ones, and came from the famous Manatee country. The shippers expect to realize a handsome profit from the load.

Walter Hawkins, Florida passenger agent of the Ocean Steamship Company of Savannah, is distributing a clever little booklet advertising his line. It is in the shape of a steamship, on the outside being a fac-simile of the Kansas City speeding through the water. The inside is filled with reading matter, illustrated with pretty half-tones.

Jacksonville merchants and capitalists have an opportunity just now to increase their business by establishing direct steamship connection with the Bahama Islands. The question seems to depend entirely on the business men of the city. A steamship suitable for the trade is nearly ready for the service, and it is only necessary for encouragement to be given for such a line to be started.

A Washington special states that a new industry seems to have revealed itself in Florida in the cultivation of the camphor tree, which has heretofore been confined to tropical sections of foreign countries. With a view to disseminating information on the subject, Professor Lester H. Dewey of the agricultural department has recently compiled a small but comprehensive pamphlet treating of this odoriferous, gum-bearing tree.

The people of Florida, says an exchange, are expressing the highest appreciation of the public spirit of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which put all its wires at the service of the Board of Health in our late time of need. Through this instrumentality Dr. Porter was enabled to be everywhere at the same time, to warn and counsel his subordinates, and to enforce his authority at every threatened point.

Estimated Orange Crop.

Florida's orange crop for 1897-98 will soon be going forward to market, and a good many estimates are being made as to what the crop in the state will figure up.

Last season it amounted to about 125,000 boxes. That was the first year's fruit after the freeze, and the crop was accordingly very small, especially when it is recollected that the product of the state had been numbered in millions rather than in thousands of boxes.

A careful estimate made by a gentleman in the city, who is well informed as to the crop throughout the state, places it in round numbers at about 200,000 boxes. It is believed that these figures are conservative, and that the crop will go above rather than below the figures named. The gentleman making them is conservative in all things, however, and does not like to count on improbabilities. He has made his estimate of the number of boxes in the several counties in the state, as follows:

Manatee	50,000
Lee	25,000
De Soto	40,000
Polk	5,000
Hillsboro	15,000
Osceola	6,000
Orange	7,000
Lake	10,000
Marion	5,000
Alachua	200
Putnam	2,000
St. John's	500
Volusia	20,000
Brevard	5,000
Scattering	10,000
Total	200,700

It will be observed that the greater part of the crop is figured as coming from the southern counties in the state, where the least damage was done by the great freeze. The estimate shows, however, that some of the groves in the more northern counties in the state are coming into bearing, which is very encouraging.

A large crop, comparatively speaking, is looked for next year, and it is stated that it would not be surprising to see half a million boxes of the golden fruit gathered in the state. In the course of two or three years, unless there shall be a setback, Florida will again be able to send out large quantities of the finest oranges in the world.—Times-Union and Citizen.